GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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Import of Essential Drugs
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is a fact that the huge quantity of essential drugs are being imported from various countries;

(b) if so, the details and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government is contemplating any action plan to minimise such import and manufacture such essential drugs in the country with minimum cost;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)
(a) & (b): No, the country is self − sufficient in the manufacture of formulations, including those of essential drugs. However, whenever the imports are being made because of economics consideration, therapeutic equivalents are available.

(c) to (e): Does not arise.